

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS**

**AMENDMENT DATE:** January 26, 2010  
**POSITION:** Oppose

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 733  
**AUTHOR:** M. Leno

**BILL SUMMARY: Crime Victims: Trauma Center Grants**

This bill would, upon appropriation by the Legislature, provide up to \$3 million in grants from the Restitution Fund, to trauma centers, as defined, for services to victims of crime to mitigate the trauma resulting from being a crime victim.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

This bill would provide for the Legislature to appropriate up to \$3 million Restitution Fund for grants to trauma centers, as defined, to provide services to victims of crime.

We note the Restitution Fund has a significant structural imbalance and, absent a change in revenues or expenditures, will become insolvent as soon as 2011-12. The fund does not have a balance sufficient to support the grants or expenditures included in this bill.

**COMMENTS**

The Department of Finance is opposed to this bill because the fund proposed to support this grant program does not have resources to support a grant program. The Restitution Fund has a structural imbalance with expenditures exceeding revenues significantly. Until 2008-09, the Restitution Fund had a substantial uncommitted balance. However, in 2008-09, \$80 million was transferred to the General Fund. While the fund is adequate to support the Victims Compensation and Government Claims Board through 2010-11, the fund is expected to become insolvent in 2011-12.

		SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							
Code/Department		LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
Agency or Revenue		CO	PROP						Fund	
Type		RV	98	FC	2010-2011	FC	2011-2012	FC	2012-2013	Code
1870/VicCompGovCl		SO	No	C	\$3,000	C	\$3,000	C	\$3,000	0214
<u>Fund Code</u>		<u>Title</u>								
0214		Restitution Fund								

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